(c) The number of villages connected by Village Public Telephones (VPTs) by BSNL through various technologies as on 31.03.2005 in the two States are as given below:—

Name of State	MARR Based	Land Line	INMARSAT	C-DOT/ PMP	WLL	Total Villages Covered
Himachal Pradesh	269	14117	17	84	2100	16587
Orissa	2929	15963	0	3	21858	40753

Investment by Overseas Indians

†*414. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of overseas Indians who have expressed their intention to make capital investment in the States of the country during current financial year together with the names of the States in which they intend to make investment;

(b) the manner in which Government are encouraging overseas Indian to make capital investment in India; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (c) State-wise data is enclosed as Statement (*See* below). Government has put in place a liberal and transparent FDI policy (which covers investment by overseas Indians) under which FDI upto 100% is allowed under the automatic route in most sectors. Proposals requiring prior Government approval are considered by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) in a time bound manner. Government is also working with State Governments to promote investment by overseas Indians by developing and offering specific projects to them.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Statewise break up for NRI Investment & Technology Collaboration approval by (FIPB) during April 2004 to Feb. 2005.

(Amount in Rupees crore)

S.No.	State	No. of approvals			Amount
		Total	Technical	Financial	Approved
1.	Maharashtra	12	0	12	471.59
2.	Karnataka	8	0	8	463.04
3.	Punjab	3	0	3	49.70
4.	Tamil Nadu	8	0	8	23.86
5.	Delhi	4	0	4	22.94
6.	Gujarat	2	0	2	20.90
7.	Andhra Pradesh	6	0	6	9.99
8.	State Not Indicated	1	0	1	4.50
9.	Kerala	1	0	1	1.75
10.	Assam	1	0	1	0.40
11.	Uttar Pradesh	1	0	1	0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	47	0	47	1068.66

Database on Poverty and Unemployment

*415. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have no database on poverty and unemployment for the period from 2000;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) in the absence of authentic and variable data on such key areas, in what way projection for various social and infrastructure development are made and implemented; and

(d) in what manner a dependable database on poverty, unemployment, housing, etc. is proposed to be created?